Rehabilitation of people affected by Sardar Sarovar Project

1957. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fast that according to the report of the Narmada Control Authority, rehabilitation work of the people likely to be affected by the Sardar Sarovar Project in the State of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra is unsatisfactory and that the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have not yet submitted detailed action plan for resettlement and rehabilitation of the affected persons; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof standing the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The resettlement of the project affected people under the Sardar Sarovar Project in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra is scheduled to be completed in a phased manner during the years 1990-91, 1993 and 1993-94 respectively. Several rounds of discussions had been held with the concerned State Governments and they had been addressed periodically to implement the rehabilitation and resettlement programmes of the project affected people in a time-bound manner. On account of these follow-up measures, the concerned State Governments have made considerable progress in the Rehabilitation & Resettlement activities and it is anticipated that the resettlement programmes will proceed progressively alongwith construction shedule of the Sardar Sarovar Project.

News item captioned "freedom of press or potatoes"

1958. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned 'Freedom of Press or Potatoes" published in Blitz of 18th March, 1989 regarding Rs. 3 crores claimed by the Express Group in relation to transaction in potatoes, steel scrap and shares were bogus and that Government have granted permission to prosecute M/s. Express Newspaper Limited for fraudulent claims;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and also the findings of the Income Tax authorities regarding inflated accounts of Indian Express Group about consumption of newsprint; and

(c) what action Goernment propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s Express Newspapers Limited, Madras, have claimed losses on transactions in potatoes, steel scrap and shares for the assessment years 1985-86 to 1987-88 as under:—

Asstt. Year	Losses on transactions in		
	Potatoes Rs.	Steel Scrap Rs.	Shares Rs.
1985-86	74,65,319	17,97,081	24, 39,067
1986-87	76,56,943	17,37,593	1,08,27,592
1987-88	Nil.	**	88,86,040

**Profit of Rs. 9,04,832 has been shown.